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The Offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade are at **73, Basinghall Street**, London, E.C. — registered telegraphic address, "**Advantage, London,**" Code—**5th Edition A.B.C.**, telephone number **12807 Central.** A statement of the objects and work of the Branch will be found on p. 630.

The attention of British traders is directed to the Sample Room, where the following are on view, with other exhibits:—

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The following Special Trade Enquiry Offices are also at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.:—India, Dominion of Canada, Queensland, Transvaal and Orange River Colony. Statements of the objects and work of these Enquiry Offices will be found on p. 631.

A statement of the Import Duties being levied under the new Tariff Proposals of the Dominion of New Zealand is published as a Supplement, price threepence, to the present issue of the "Journal."

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BRITISH INDIA.

Asbestos Sheets: Steel and Iron Work for Bridges.

The Directors of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company are prepared to receive tenders for the supply of:—(1) Asbestos sheets; (2) Steel and iron work for bridges. Specifications and forms of tender may be obtained at the Company's

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Offices, 48, Copthall Avenue, London, E.C., on payment of the fee for the specification, which payment will not be returned. Tenders must be delivered in sealed envelopes, addressed to the Secretary, marked "Tender for Asbestos Sheets," or as the case may be, not later than 11 a.m. on the 3rd October. The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

CEYLON.

Australian Jarrah Wood Sleepers.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies, acting on behalf of the Government of Ceylon, invite tenders for the supply of 50,000 Australian Jarrah wood sleepers. The specification, conditions of contract (containing full particulars) and form of tender can be obtained on application at the Office of the Crown Agents, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W., between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.), on payment of 1*l.* per copy, which will be returned on receipt of a *bonâ fide* tender for the whole or any portion of the sleepers required.

Tenders (in sealed envelopes) are to be delivered to the Crown Agents not later than the 3rd October, endorsed "Tender for Sleepers, Ceylon Railways." The Crown Agents do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

CANADA.

Commercial Enquiries.

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the **Canadian Government Offices, 17, Victoria Street, London, S.W.**, whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

HOME ENQUIRIES.

A stone merchant and quarry owner in Derbyshire makes enquiry respecting the demand for **wood-pulp stones** in Canada, and also as to the opening for **fluorspar** in the Dominion.

A London firm manufacturing a patent combined brush and pan **boot-cleaner** are desirous of appointing Canadian agents for the sale of the novelty in the different large centres.

CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.

An old-established firm in Toronto desire to be placed in touch with British firms seeking a market in Canada for **plumbers' lead traps and bends, solid porcelain sanitary fittings, enamelled iron fittings, plumbers' brass goods, gas and electric chandeliers, glass ware and globes, specialties for electricity, gas, water, and air.**

Enquiry is made by a resident in **Ottawa** for names of English manufacturing firms who may desire to be represented there.

Enquiry is made by a Canadian firm manufacturing carriages and runabouts for the names of English manufacturers of **folding canopies and umbrellas** suitable for such vehicles.

Note.—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria Street, S.W.

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The following commercial enquiries have been received at the **Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.,** whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

HOME ENQUIRIES.

A firm manufacturing **steam launch and other marine machinery** would like to do business in Canada.

A firm manufacturing **woollen hosiery** wish to be placed in communication with Canadian buyers.

A company manufacturing **jams, jellies and bottled fruits** seek a competent Canadian resident agent.

CANADIAN ENQUIRY.

A correspondent in Ottawa would like to secure the representation of a United Kingdom manufacturer of **brass foundry** lines.

Note.—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

Telegraph Material.

The Board of Trade are informed by the Officer representing the Australian Commonwealth in London (Captain R. Muirhead Collins, C.M.G.) that tenders will be received at the office of the Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney, up to half-past two p.m. on the 6th November, for the supply and delivery at the Departmental Stores, Sydney, of the following materials, viz.:—(1) 14¼ tons of hard-drawn copper wire (300 lb. per mile); (2) 4 cwt. of copper binding tape (200 lb. per mile and 3-16ths inch wide; (3) 3,500 best white porcelain insulators, large; (4) 1,000 tallow-wood crossarms, 3 ft. 10 in., with end bolts and straps complete; (5) 2,500 tallow-wood crossarms, 5 ft. 2 in., with end bolts complete.

Tenders should be endorsed "Tender for the Supply of Telegraph Material." They may be deposited in the tender-box at the General Post Office, Sydney; if sent by post they must be prepaid and registered. The Postmaster-General does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Tender forms and specifications may be obtained at the Australian Commonwealth Offices in London, 72, Victoria Street, S.W., where also preliminary deposits on tenders may be paid. Copies of the conditions and specifications may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73. Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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QUEENSLAND.

Steam Pumping Plant.

The Board of Trade Correspondent at Brisbane (Mr. M. Finucan) has forwarded a copy of a specification issued by the Town Council of Toowoomba in connexion with a call for tenders for the supply of steam pumping plant (exclusive of boilers) for the water supply of the town. (The town of Toowoomba is 100 miles from Brisbane by rail: the proposed site for the pumping plant is four miles outside the town.) No date for receipt of tenders is shown; apparently it would be necessary for British engineering companies wishing to deal with the matter to communicate with their Agents by wire. Copies of the specifications may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Lighthouse Construction.

The Board of Trade Correspondent at Adelaide (Mr. J. Cresswell) has forwarded a cutting from the "South Australian Register" to the effect that the special committee appointed by the Marine Board to consider the question of additional lighthouses to render the navigation of Port Darwin more secure recently submitted their report. They recommended for the eastern approach that a flashing or revolving light, visible 25 miles at least, be placed on Cape Don; that a fixed red light be erected on Cape Hotham, having a white sector, visible 20 miles. For the western approach the committee recommended a 20-mile flashing light on Cape Fourcroy; a leading light to clear Channel Rock, with a buoy on the rock for day work; and that the Charles Point patches and the north-west extremity of Middle Ground Shoal be buoyed. They emphasised the necessity for having a thorough survey of the coast covered by the foregoing scheme of lighting made immediately on account of the doubtful accuracy of the present charts, that survey to be followed by a complete survey of the north coast at an early date. The report was adopted.

Bonus for Stone and Stump Gathering Machine.

Referring to the notice on p. 590 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 27th June last respecting a bonus offered by the South Australian Government for an implement for clearing land of stones and stumps, the Board of Trade Correspondent at Adelaide (Mr. J. Cresswell) has forwarded further particulars from which it appears that the bonus offered for an efficient machine is 100*l*.

A public trial will be held in February, 1908, and entries must be made to the Department of Agriculture, Adelaide, not later than 1st January, 1908.

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The amount of bonus may be allotted in two prizes, but no prize shall be awarded unless recommended by the judges.

Machines will be required to remove or gather into convenient rows all stones and stumps of not less than 4 in. across their longest axis, and not exceeding 56 lb. in weight.

Copies of the conditions under which the bonus is offered may be obtained on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

Sheep Dipping Materials.

The Board of Trade Correspondent at Bloemfontein (Mr. R. Dumaresq) reports that the Department of Agriculture of the Orange River Colony, after carrying out careful experiments on the merits of the various sheep dipping materials, proprietary and otherwise, now before the public, have decided in future to strongly recommend the use of a mixture made up in the following proportions:—5 lbs. caustic soda 99 per cent., 20 lbs. flowers of sulphur (Brandrams or equally good), and 100 gallons of water.

There would appear, he says, to be a likelihood of a considerable demand for these materials, and manufacturers would do well to communicate with the Secretary, Bloemfontein Chamber of Commerce, direct on the matter.

EGYPT.

Uniforms.

The Acting British Consul at Alexandria (Mr. C. A. Greig) has forwarded a copy of the specification relating to a call for tenders for the supply of uniforms to the Egyptian Administration of Posts (see p. 296 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 15th August). The specification may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

DENMARK.

Dynamos.

H.M. Consul at Copenhagen (Mr. L. C. Liddell) reports that tenders are invited for the supply of four dynamos to the Odense Electrical Works. Tenders must be in writing and must reach the Stadsingeniorens Kontor, Odense, before 1 p.m. on the 7th October.

Copies of the specification and conditions, forwarded by H.M. Consul, may be seen by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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GERMANY.

Forage.

H.M. Consul-General at Berlin (Dr. P. Schwabach) reports that on account of the bad harvest there is a very considerable shortage of forage, more especially hay and clover, in almost all parts of Central and North Germany, and dealers are importing large quantities from Denmark and Holland. In the opinion of the Consul-General, English exporters of hay and clover would now have a good opportunity of doing a fairly lucrative business in Germany provided they can sell at prices to leave German dealers a fair margin of profit.

A list of likely buyers of forage in Berlin and district, forwarded by the Consul-General, may be consulted at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

BELGIUM.

Drain and Building Construction.

The Acting British Consul-General at Antwerp (Mr. R. H. Cox) has forwarded copies of specifications issued by the Municipal Authorities of that city relating to calls for tenders for (1) the construction of a drain of concrete cement under the sheds Nos. 1 to 9 on the Herbouville Quay at Antwerp—estimated cost, 11,680 francs (about 467*l.*); (2) the construction of a building for motors, batteries, &c., in connexion with the cranes and other electric apparatus at the new docks at Antwerp—estimated cost, 67,900 francs (about 2,716*l.*).

Tenders (in sealed registered envelopes) should be delivered to Monsieur le Bourgmestre de la Ville, Hôtel de Ville, Antwerp, by the 3rd October in the case of (1) and by the 7th October in the case of (2). Deposits of 1,000 francs (about 40*l.*) and 4,000 francs (about 160*l.*) will be required to qualify tenders for (1) and (2) respectively.

The specifications may be obtained from the Hôtel de Ville at a cost of one franc each. Copies may be inspected by British contractors at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

Accessories for Rails.

The "Moniteur des Intérêts Matériels" of 18th September contains a notice to the effect that the State railways of Belgium invite tenders for the supply of accessories for Vignole steel rails, including various kinds of fish plates. Tenders should reach the offices of the State railways in Brussels not later than 12th October.

Railway Construction.

The "Moniteur" also announces that the Société Nationale des Chemins de fer Vicinaux, Rue de la Science 14, Brussels, invite tenders for the construction of the local railway from Libramont to Amber-

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loup at the estimated cost of 321,895 fr. (about 12,876*l.*) Tenders should reach the above address not later than 15th October. A deposit of 32,000 fr. (about 1,280*l.*) will be required to qualify any tender.

The "Moniteur" containing further particulars may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

The following further particulars respecting articles made in the United Kingdom which are already sold and for which there is an increasing demand in Belgium, taken from the report of H.M. Consul-General at Antwerp (Sir C. Hertslet), are in continuation of those given on pp. 545-7 of last week's issue of the "Journal":—

Hosiery and Cloth.

"Articles of British manufacture, such as shirts, collars, ties, gloves, bearing the name of a British maker are certain of a great demand from the better class population and the best retail shops almost invariably stock and advertise such goods. The usual rate of import duty is 15 per cent., but the additional selling price thus involved is no great drawback to the ready sale of all such goods. Novelties and up-to-date articles are certain of being favourably received. Tailors' cloth, tweeds, &c., are also in demand, and Belgian tailors almost always imitate British fashions and are anxious to procure good quality stuffs made in the United Kingdom.

Fish.

"Preserved and fresh herrings are in considerable demand in the towns, being already imported in large quantities. The retail price is somewhat high, and it is not always possible to secure either fresh or salted herrings.

Groceries.

"Many goods of British manufacture are in great demand in Belgium in the grocery line:—(1) British jams are sold in most of the grocery establishments of any importance, and have a considerable reputation. Though generally appreciated they are not so widely sold as might be expected. The imports from the United Kingdom of marmalades, jams, jellies, &c., in 1906 amounted to 112,967 kilos. (about 113 metric tons). The Customs duty on entry varies in accordance with the percentage of sugar. Thus jams containing up to 20 per cent. pay 12 fr. per 100 kilos. (100 kilos. equals 220·46 lbs.); those containing from 20 to 50 per cent. of sugar pay 20 fr. per 100 kilos.; and those containing upwards of 50 per cent. of sugar pay 30 fr. per 100 kilos. The latter quality is by far the largest imported into Belgium. (2) Biscuits and

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cakes of British make are in great demand, and are sold in even the smallest shops and most remote villages. The best, in fact the only way of making biscuits, jams, cakes, sauces, pickles, &c., known to the public is to employ a traveller conversant with the language (French or Flemish) of the district in which he has to travel, who will carry samples and exhibit them to the retail tradespeople. Advertising and picturesque show cards and advertisements should also be used.

Guns (Sporting).

"There is a certain demand for British sporting guns, but those made at Liége are considerably cheaper, and in many cases identical in pattern, so that the British-made article does not have a very large sale.

Hats (felt and silk), Caps, and Overcoats.

"Hats (felt and silk) and caps are sold in most of the retail establishments of any importance and enjoy considerable popularity. Most of the large makers in the United Kingdom have their representatives in the chief Belgian towns, but these hats are sold more to the better classes and not so much to the populace. Further, the average prices paid in Belgium for hats, &c., are considerably below those of the United Kingdom. Overcoats (waterproof and other) find a limited sale in the towns and among a certain number of persons, but are becoming more popular.

Patent Medicines, &c.

"Patent medicines, &c., of British manufacture, including everything that can come under this heading, are sold by most chemists and druggists, but are not as generally known or used as they are in the United Kingdom. Extensive advertising such as is carried on in the United Kingdom would doubtless be of considerable benefit to the trade. Makers of all such goods would do well to secure patent rights in Belgium if they have not already done so. Patent medicines are admitted into Belgium free of duty, as a rule, unless they contain sugar, alcohol or other dutiable ingredient.

Photographic Appliances.

"Folding and pocket cameras are popular in Belgium and are in considerable demand. All accessories such as plates, films, printing papers, &c., of British make have a good sale, but Continental sizes predominate, and it is of little use for British firms to endeavour to sell the sizes used in the United Kingdom.

Polishes (Boot, Shoe, Furniture, &c).

"British polishes (boot, shoe, furniture &c.) have become very popular of late and there appears to be a general demand for them. Advertising seems to be the best way of making them known, for once the Belgian has got the name of a British-made

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polish into his head and finds that it is easily obtainable he will use it. As a rule British boot polishes, &c., are infinitely superior to those of Continental make.

Sanitary Appliances.

"Baths, lavatories, fittings for closets and all similar articles for sanitary purposes have become much more popular of late years, and if good articles at a moderate price of British make could be introduced they would be sure of success.

Silverware and Miscellaneous Goods.

"One of the greatest wants in Belgium is small articles with silver mounts of dainty appearance, such as picture frames, scent bottles, bon-bon dishes, purses and all silver-mounted small wares, &c., such as are seen in such great profusion at reasonable prices in the United Kingdom. In many of the principal Belgian towns it is almost impossible to get such articles, except at unreasonable prices, and any article that is made of silver is sold at a price out of all proportion to its cost of production.

British-made goods are sold, but in many cases at such high prices that the public is afraid of them. There is an excellent opening for an increase of British trade in this line, and sale prices in Belgium should be but little in excess of those ruling in the United Kingdom, since the import duty into Belgium is, in most cases, only 5 per cent. *ad valorem*, while in some cases this class of article is admitted free.

Soap.

"Toilet soaps and ordinary washing soaps of British make are largely sold in Belgium; the latter especially predominate. In regard to the former there is considerable competition with cheap German and Belgian-made soaps. Advertising, again, is the best means of increasing trade.

Stationery.

"Penholders, fountain pens, inks, indiarubber, typewriter ribbons and accessories, &c., are in considerable demand, but the desire for British-made articles of this class does not appear to be increasing very much. Most stationers, however, stock British-made goods.

Tea.

"Tea is gradually becoming more popular in Belgium, and there are many retail houses which supply tea to retail dealers. It is, however, not so easy to obtain really good tea as might be expected, and there is room for a good deal of enterprise in this connexion. There is no import duty on tea, so the retail selling price should not be high.

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Tobacco.

"British pipe tobacco, mixtures, &c., are widely sold on account of the difficulty of obtaining good pipe tobacco locally. Also there is a large demand for so-called "cigarettes anglaises," *i.e.*, Virginian cigarettes.

Tools (automatic).

"Tools (automatic) have a certain limited sale, but those of German and Belgian manufacture being in many cases much cheaper rather eclipse the British-made article. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3918.)

PORTUGAL.

Mining Plant.

The "Diario do Governo" of 17th September contains a notice to the effect that the concession for the exploitation of the iron and manganese mine Herdade de Trajanes, S. Luis, Odemira, has been granted to Mr. John Hollway.

The "Diario" of the 14th September contains a notice granting the concession of the Courela de Manoel Manços mine producing the same kind of minerals to the same person.

The issue of the 16th September contains a notice to the same effect regarding the iron and manganese mine of Herdade dos Pendões, Odemira.

Water Works.

The "Diario" of 13th September contains a copy of a decree authorising the Municipal Chamber of Braga to raise a loan of 220,000 milreis (about 46,000*l.*) for works connected with the water supply of that town.

SPAIN.

Port Works.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 17th September contains a notice to the effect that the Junta de Obras del puerto de Cadiz invite tenders for the construction of certain portions of the dock No. 1 of the Port of Cadiz. Tenders should be sent in during the space of 40 days from the date of publication. Local representation is necessary, and a deposit of 120,000 pesetas (about 4,225*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Conditions, plans, &c., may be seen at the offices of the Junta de Obras at Cadiz, and at the Negociado de Puertos y Señales Maritimos de la Direccion General de Obras Publicas, Madrid.

The "Gaceta," which contains a further description of the works, may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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ITALY.

Metals and Hardware.

H.M. Consul at Milan (Mr. J. H. Towsey) has received an application from a merchant in that city who wishes to get into touch with English houses desiring to open up trade with Italy in competition with German, French, and Austrian goods. The articles for which there is an opening are:—**Metals,—cast, wrought, or manufactured,—hardware goods of all sorts, chiefly tools, files, twist drills, reamers, cutters, taps, drum benches, saws, &c.** They are at present principally supplied by German houses, but it is stated that buyers would give preference to English goods at fair rates.

Communications from English firms in reference to this enquiry should be addressed to H.M. Consul at Milan.

Screw Stocks and Dies.

The British Vice Consul at Spezia (Mr. E. M. de Garston) reports that a public bid will be held simultaneously at the Royal Arsenals (Contract Offices) of Spezia and Naples at 11 a.m. on the 16th October, in order to receive sealed tenders for a contract for the supply to the Italian Navy of screw stocks and dies for the estimated value of 25,000 lire (about 1,000*l.*). A deposit of 2,500 lire (about 100*l.*) will be required to qualify any tender.

The special conditions of contract may be seen at the Ministry of Marine, Rome; at the Directorates General of the Royal Arsenals; at the Technical Offices of the Navy at Genoa; and at the principal Chambers of Commerce in Italy.

Each tender should be made out on Government stamped paper of 1 lira. Local representation is necessary.

The expenses of registration, printing and stamp duty are payable by the successful tenderer.

Iron Plates, Zinced Rods.

The "Gazzetta Ufficiale" of 12th September announces that the Ministero della Marina invite tenders for the supply of iron plates and zinced rods to the estimated value of 181,437 lire (about 7,275*l.*), in three lots of 76,239, 51,493 and 53,705 lire respectively.

Deposits of 7,625 lire on the first lot, 5,150 lire on the second lot, and 5,375 lire on the third lot are necessary to qualify any tender.

Tenders, on paper stamped with 1 lira (about 9½*d.*), will be received up to 11th October at the Ministero della Marina, Rome, where also the conditions of tender may be inspected.

Public Building Construction.

The "Gazzetta Ufficiale" of 16th September contains a notice to the effect that the R. prefettura di Foggia invite tenders for the construction of the new prison of Sansevero at the estimated cost of 284,400 lire (about 11,376*l.*). A deposit of 15,000 lire (about 600*l.*) is

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necessary to qualify any tender. Tenders should reach the above-named prefecture, where further details may be seen, not later than 7th November.

Bronze.

The "Gazzetta" of 18th September announces that the Ministero della Marina, Rome, invite tenders for the supply bronze to the value of 210,000 lire (about 8,400*l.*), divided into 3 lots of 80,000, 50,000, and 80,000 lire respectively. A deposit of 10 per cent is required to qualify any tender. Tenders should reach the "Direzione generale dei servizi amministrativi e dell contabilita" by 20th October, written upon paper stamped with one lira.

Water-works.

The same "Gazzetta" also announces that the Municipio di Collesano invite tenders for the construction of the works projected by Signor Eliodoro Drago for the supply of drinking water from the Occhio e Pino Spring to that place at the estimated cost of 40,198 lire (about 1,608*l.*). The plans are to be seen at the Segretario comunale di Collesano, where tenders will be opened on 8th October.

TURKEY.

Motor Cars.

The "Revue Commerciale du Levant," referring to the announcement (noted on p. 611) that motor cars which up to the present have been debarred from entering Turkey, are now authorised to do so, with certain restrictions, points out that though good roads in the country are non-existent, the inhabitants who delight in novelties will probably purchase cars, which will have to be made solid on account of the inequalities of the road-surface. There are, it appears, some few provinces which are more fortunate in their roads where, doubtless, a larger opening will be found.

TURKEY—MACEDONIA.

Agricultural Machinery.

According to the "Frankfurter Zeitung" of 18th September, a project is now before the Government in Constantinople for an arrangement between the Agricultural Bank of Macedonia, the Agricultural Ministry of Salonika, and the large towns in the three vilayets of Macedonia, for the establishment of depôts for agricultural implements and machines, which are to be bought abroad, at the estimated cost of 100,000 francs, but with the stipulation that payment shall stand over for a considerable period, possibly three years, as the conditions under which these implements and machines are presented to the agriculturists should be as favourable as possible.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Glue: Prepared Horn Pith.

The Acting British Consul-General at New York (Mr. C. Clive Bayley) has received an application from a firm in that city who wish to get into communication with United Kingdom **glue** manufacturers who have no agency at present in the United States; also an application from another firm who wish to import English **prepared horn pith.**

Communications from British firms relative to these enquiries should be sent to the Acting British Consul-General at New York.

CHILE.

Naval Armaments: Port Improvements.

According to a despatch from H.M. Legation in Chile, a message has been sent to the Chilean Congress stating that a Bill will shortly be presented to authorise the Government to expend up to 5,000,000*l.* on the acquisition of new naval units and on coast fortification. As regards the new armaments, the Government ask that they may be given a free hand to contract with such foreign firms as make the most suitable offers.

The despatch also states that a British expert has been appointed to advise on improvements at the principal ports.

Conduit Construction.

The "Diario Oficial" of Chile for 6th August contains a copy of a decree authorising the Compañia Salitrera Portezuelo to construct a conduit for conveying petroleum from Caleta Oliva to their workshops for use in their machinery.

"Decauville" Line.

The "Diario" of 8th August contains a copy of a decree conceding land to the Sociedad Zelaya Brothers, for the construction of a Decauville line to connect the "Teresita" mine with the Copiapó to Púquios Railway at the Ladrillos station.

BRAZIL.

The following particulars of openings for trade in the Pernambuco district are taken from the report of H.M. Consul there (Mr. P. Staniforth), recently published by the Foreign Office:—

Household Articles, Enamelled Ironware, Cutlery, Hosiery and Stationery.

"There ought to be a good field here for the extension of British trade in household articles of all kinds, in enamelled ironware, cutlery, hosiery and stationery of every description.

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Tinned Butter.

"Tinned butter is also in considerable demand and might be supplied from Ireland.

Whisky.

"Irish whisky is highly appreciated here and is growing in popularity. This market should be worthy of the attention of Irish distillers. Scotch whisky is also consumed on a very considerable scale, and the taste for it is extending greatly among the native Brazilians, to say nothing of the British community, which numbers about 600.

Boots.

"The trade in imported boots is very extensive in Pernambuco. . . . If samples are sent care should be exercised to observe the following rules in order to escape the payment of duties, which are exorbitant here:—(1) Only one foot of each class of sample boot should be sent; (2) Every sample boot should have a hole about the size of a shilling cut right through the middle of the tread of the sole. It may be remarked that the people of this country have narrow feet and like narrow looking footgear.

Provisions.

"Provisions, such as hams, bacon, tinned meats and vegetables, pickles, jams, sweetmeats, chocolate, cocoa, &c., of British manufacture are in the greatest favour here. The trade in these articles is already very large, but there appears to be no reason why it should not be pushed and extended. A British commercial traveller, representing an important British firm of provision dealers, came to Pernambuco last year, and in a very short time transacted highly satisfactory business, which was due only to his visit and amply repaid his firm for their enterprise." [See also British Trade Abroad, pp. 602-3.] (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,922.)

ARGENTINA.

Underground Electric Railway Construction.

H.M. Legation at Buenos Ayres have forwarded particulars relative to the proposed construction of a municipal underground electric railway in that city. Tenders will be received during a period of six months from the date of the issue of the invitation (about 1st June apparently).

H.M. Legation state that the Mayor of Buenos Ayres is empowered "to apply to Congress for authorisation to expropriate the lands required for the construction of the proposed lines, and for exemption from import duties of all material imported for the railway. Such authorisation and exemption have not yet been granted by Congress, who have before them another project for

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the construction of underground railways in the Capital, which has been presented by the Buenos Ayres Western Railway. There is also in existence a third scheme for a similar concession, regarding which a lawsuit is in progress."

It is also understood that "the municipality have power to authorise the construction of the lines indicated in the call for tenders which they have issued, but exemption from payment of import duties and facilities for expropriation can only be granted by Congress, and it is at present uncertain whether Congress will grant these exemption and facilities to the Municipal scheme or whether they will approve either of the alternative schemes and grant those advantages to one of them."

The Conditions of Contract, &c., may be examined by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall-street, London, E.C.

Railway Plant and Rolling Stock.

H.M. Legation also report that a Bill has been presented to the Argentine Congress asking for about 775,000*l.* for the purpose of acquiring fresh rolling stock for the State Railways, improving the permanent way, finishing works begun, constructing goods sheds and stations, and generally putting the lines into proper order.

Contractors' Plant.

The "Boletin Oficial" of Argentina of 8th August contains a copy of a Bill proposing that a commission be appointed for the consideration of a system of irrigation of the district served by the national railways for 50 kiloms. on either side of the lines in the provinces of San Luis, San Juan, La Rioja, Catamarca, Salta, Jujuy and Santiago del Estero.

Portland Cement.

The "Boletin" of 13th August contains a copy of a Decree authorising the Dirección General de Vías de Comunicación (Buenos Ayres) to acquire 4,000 tons (metric) of Portland cement.

Steamboats.

The same "Boletin" contains a copy of a decree authorising Señor Eugenio Varela to establish a line of steamers on the Río Negro and fixing the tariff on that line.

Canal Works.

The "Boletin" of 21st August contains a copy of a Bill proposing the construction of two deep water canals, one from the port of La Plata to Buenos Ayres and another from that port to the River Paraná.

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Light Railway Plant.

According to the "Review of the River Plate," a decree issued by the Buenos Ayres Provincial Minister for Public Works, in favour of the Cia. Industrial del Oeste, authorises the construction of three light railway lines, metre gauge, from Chacabuco to Chivilcoy, Bragado and Rojas, respectively. These lines may be constructed along public roadways, except when the latter are of less width than fifty metres, or when to do so would unduly increase the length of track. Surveys must be completed:—to Chivilcoy within three months, to Bragado within six months, and to Rojas within nine months from the date of signing the agreement. The work of construction is to be commenced within six months from the date of approval of the survey in the first case, one year in the second case, and 18 months in the last case. The value of each kilometre of line is fixed at 7,000 dols. gold.

Railway Construction.

The "Review" also announces that the Public Works Committee of Argentina report favourably on the proposal of Señor Carlos M. Larrazabal to construct a railway from Bahia Blanca to Mendieta (Jujuy) passing through La Colina, La Larga, Pehuajó, Timote, Pasos Canki, Diego Alvear, Venado Tuerto, Chañar, Leones, Colonia Prosperidad, La Francia, Ceres y Tostado, and terminating in Colonia Rivadavia (Salta) with a branch from a point some 100 kilometres south of the latter place, to Mendieta (Jujuy). This line must not approach within 50 kilometres of the Central Northern branch from Anahuya to Trentina. The gauge is to be 1·676 m.

JAPAN.

Harbour Works.

With reference to the notice on p. 257 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 8th August last relating to harbour works in Japan, the Board of Trade have now received, through the Foreign Office, copies of reports drawn up by H.M. Embassy at Tokio respecting the harbour works in course of construction and projected at Yokohama, Tokio, Kobe and Osaka. These reports, together with maps and plans, may be examined by British contractors at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

EXHIBITIONS.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Servian, Bulgarian and Montenegrin Sections of the Balkan States Exhibition.

The Board of Trade desire to draw attention to the Balkan States Exhibition which is now being held at Earl's Court, and which will be open till the 19th October. The exhibition contains sections (among others) devoted to the products of Servia, Bulgaria and Montenegro.

RUSSIA.

International Exhibition of Appliances for Heating and Lighting at St. Petersburg.

The Acting British Consul at St. Petersburg (Mr. C. H. Mackie) reports that an International Exhibition of Appliances for Heating and Lighting, to be opened in that city on the 14th December next, will be held at the premises of the Imperial Russian Technical Society. Further particulars may be obtained on application to the Executive Committee of the Exhibition, Panteleimonskaya St. No. 2, St. Petersburg, where applications from intending exhibitors will be received up to the 14th October. The exhibition will remain open for a period of two months.

A copy of the programme and regulations (in English) may be seen on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

Avicultural Exhibition at St. Petersburg.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, information to the effect that the Russian Avicultural Society are holding an Exhibition of Aviculture (bird-rearing) at St. Petersburg in October. A special section will be devoted to foreign exhibits.

PERSIA.

Sample Room at Bushire for British Products.

In reference to the notice on p. 452 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 6th June last regarding the proposal of H.M. Consul-General at Bushire to open a sample room in his consulate-general for British products, the British Vice-Consul there (Mr. H. C. Chick) now writes that the Consulate is prepared to receive samples immediately, and that it is not proposed at present to make a charge or a limit of space for the exhibition of samples.

BRITISH TRADE ABROAD.

Pernambuco.—H.M. Consul at Pernambuco (Mr. P. Staniforth), in his report for 1906, writes as follows with respect to the opening for British trade in that district:—

"This important commercial district, in spite of depressed conditions, offers a promising field for the extension of British trade and enterprise, and this can only be secured by suitable representation. The number of German commercial travellers who regularly visit this market is very considerable and greatly exceeds the total number of travellers from all other countries. They appear to secure a very large number of orders and to do a highly satisfactory business, much of which might be secured by British exporters if they were better represented here. Perhaps half of these German travellers represent Hamburg houses dealing in Manchester cotton goods, for which there is a very large demand in this district, and it would appear that if the orders were secured direct by British travellers the intermediate profit which now goes to make up so large a proportion of German business here might be secured to British exporters. The same considerations would appear to apply to articles of German manufacture with which British firms should in many cases be able to compete with every chance of success. It should be borne in mind that, *cæteris paribus*, British manufacturers are infinitely preferred by buyers here to those of German or any other origin. British manufactured boots are in great demand and highly appreciated here, but latterly American boots have been imported to a considerable extent, and it is only by sending a technical representative to the spot that the manufacturers can be accurately informed as to the change of taste or other reasons which lead to their losing trade which they might otherwise be in a position to retain. Hats of British manufacture are also in great favour here, but there is now an extensive and growing competition in hats from Austria-Hungary.

"Few British commercial travellers come to this district, and it might be reasonably inferred that much profitable business is lost to British exporters in consequence. The trader here cannot be properly judged from a purely British standpoint; he is less rigidly commercial than the British merchant and thus it happens that much trade is transacted and many profitable orders are given here for what would appear to a British mercantile man sentimental rather than business reasons. In numberless cases a commercial traveller has obtained orders here simply because he has been tactful and enterprising and the buyer has felt that he could not send away a stranger who had come so far to do business with him, when no amount of correspondence or admirably drawn up catalogues would meet with the slightest response. This is quite a usual occurrence here and is by no means lost sight of by foreign competitors of the British manufacturer, who generally find that a number of perhaps small orders so obtained lead, if satisfactory, to a regular and profitable custom. There are many British manu-

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factures here which for years have held a practical monoply, but it cannot be expected that tastes will not change or that enterprising competitors will not endeavour to introduce new models even better adapted to the taste of the consumer with which they have made themselves personally familiar. Such new models could in most cases be equally satisfactorily supplied by the original British exporters if they took reasonable care to be in touch with the market through properly qualified representatives. These representatives should, of course, have some practical knowledge of the language, and it is of great importance that they should be of agreeable manner and presence, which qualifications possess here a value far beyond what is usually attached to them in ordinary matters of business. Mere boys come here as travellers and do astonishingly well, principally from the fact that they are cheery, good-humoured and self-confident, while older, more reserved and experienced men of business have frequently to be content with a far smaller share of the business for which they are competing. The importance of establishing personal friendly relations with buyers here cannot be overstated; travellers have come here on apparently hopeless errands, trying to push business that has already been adequately and satisfactorily established, and yet have gone away with good orders and a new connexion on a firm basis. There was a State tax on all commercial travellers who came here to do business, which amounted to 200 milreis* whether they carried samples or not. But this tax was abolished on 1st January, 1907, though still levied on travellers bringing goods for sale. . .

"It is very desirable that British exporters to this district should use only the metric system in their quotations, dealings and correspondence with import houses here. Brazilians do not understand British weights and measures and will not take the trouble to convert them: rather than do so they will place their orders elsewhere. It is not improbable that the success of German commercial travellers in selling British manufactured goods on behalf of Hamburg houses is partially attributable to their always using the metric system, and that much intermediate profit is thus lost to British dealers.

"British exporters should bear in mind that the Brazilian customs regulations require that every Consular invoice should accurately state the contents of each case or package sent to this country, giving the exact weight and quality of every article it contains, as well as the material of which it is manufactured, and must be in accordance with instructions obtained from the Brazilian Consulates." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,922.)

* 13*l.* 17*s.* at the exchange of 1*s.* 4*d.*

NOTICE UNDER THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT, 1904.

The following is a copy of a Notice (No. 53) cancelling the certificate granted by the Board of Trade in respect of a weighing instrument for use in trade that was submitted to the Board under the provisions of Section 6 of the Weights and Measures Act, 1904:—

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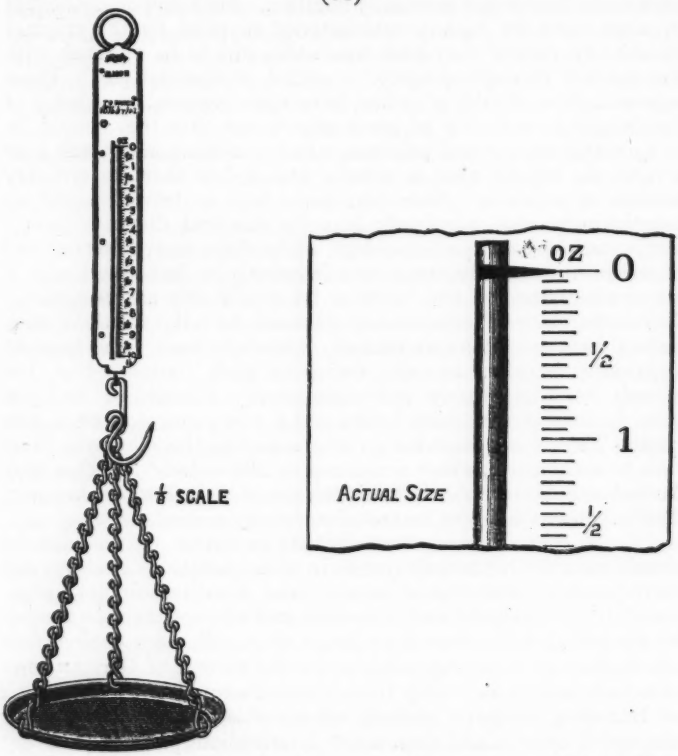

The certificate granted for a pattern of a vertical spring-balance having the goods pan below the spring, of the maximum capacity of 10 lb., submitted to the Department under the provisions of section 6 of the above Act, as referred to in a Notice (No. 14) issued in August, 1905 (see pp. 444–5 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 7th September, 1905), has been revoked. The Board of Trade have made a regulation under section 5 of the Act requiring that a spring-balance of a capacity of 30 lb. or under, with the goods pan below the spring, shall be permanently suspended from a stand, support, or bracket.

WOOD-PULP INDUSTRY OF NORWAY.

The following particulars of the wood-pulp industry of Norway have been extracted from a report by H.M. Consul at Christiania (Mr. F. E. Drummond-Hay):—

During the last forty years the quantity of paper consumed has increased so rapidly that the wood-pulp industry has developed in a remarkable way. In Norway it has made wonderful progress, and for some time past Norwegian wood-pulp has held a prominent place in the world's market. A large proportion of the pulp produced in Norway is consumed in the country itself, the manufacture of paper having also made great progress. The export of Norwegian paper in 1906 amounted to 97,143 metric tons, having a value of 16,353,200 kroner (908,511*l.*).

The following table shows the amount of wood-pulp exported from Norway during the years 1902-6:—

	Metric tons.	Kroner.
1902	447,470	24,736,800
1903	447,744	23,876,600
1904	445,260	24,290,600
1905	442,325	27,620,400
1906	505,627	31,982,400

Of the 505,627 tons of wood-pulp exported during 1906 362,228 tons was moist mechanical and 122,923 tons dry chemical.

Sweden, Finland, and Canada are Norway's most serious competitors. The export of wood-pulp from Sweden in 1906 was 414,811 tons, while that of Finland amounted to 56,181 tons.

The prices of wood-pulp have declined considerably since the industry was started. For example, the moist mechanical pulp, which in 1867, 1870, and part of 1871, realised 150 kroner per ton, in 1891 fetched only 29 kroner, a price which left no profit to the manufacturer. The prices of the different kinds of wood-pulp during August, 1907, f.o.b. at Norwegian ports, were as near as possible as follows:—

Dry mechanical wood-pulp,	about	95	kroner	per ton.
Moist ,,	,,	,, 50	,,	,,
Dry chemical ,,	,,	145	,,	,,

The first Norwegian wood-pulp factory was established in 1868. There are now 72 factories, of which 53 are for mechanical wood-pulp and 19 for chemical wood-pulp. Sufficient motive power is furnished by Norway's natural waterfalls; the machinery used in the factories is almost entirely of Norwegian manufacture. A large quantity of Norwegian sulphur pyrites is used in the manufacture of chemical wood-pulp.

About 21 per cent. of the area of Norway is covered with forests. It is feared, however, that in course of time the pulp factories will exhaust the forests, owing to the very small dimensions of wood required in the chemical wood-pulp mills. Every year the State plants at least 1½ million trees in the public forests, in addition to which a large number are planted by private owners.

CRISIS IN SICILIAN SULPHUR INDUSTRY.

With reference to the notices on p. 427 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 29th August, and on p. 570 of the issue of the 19th September, relating to the crisis in the Sicilian sulphur industry, it appears from further information that has been received from H.M. Consul at Palermo (Mr. S. J. A. Churchill, M.V.O.), that the action of the Bank of Sicily in diminishing the rate on which advances on sulphur notes were made from four-fifths of the value to three-fifths, together with the warning that the funds available for such advances were already exhausted, caused an outcry in the industry; some mines even stopped working. Pressure has consequently been brought to bear on the Government to come to the further aid of the industry, with the result that it has determined to assign three millions of lire to the Bank of Sicily for that purpose, of which one million has already been sent. It is stated that the Bank has already absorbed over ten and a half millions of lire in making advances on sulphur deposit notes.

It is understood that the affairs of the Anglo-Sicilian Sulphur Company in Sicily have been completely liquidated, and that it has discounted the bonds issued to it by the Consorzio for its stock, and guaranteed by the Government. These bonds amount, according to the Consorzio, to twenty-five millions of lire. Besides this the Government has promised to contribute two millions of lire to the capital of the Banca Mineraria, which has not yet been formed. In addition, the industry enjoys exemptions from taxation and reduction of railway freight.

The Council of Ministers at Rome on the 6th September decided to assist the industry in such a way as to enable the Bank of Sicily to make advances on sulphur deposit notes up to four-fifths of the estimated value of the sulphur, which, deducting railway freight, insurance, &c., is calculated at seventy-five lire (3*l.*) per ton. The Bank continues to give two-thirds of the value advanced, the remainder being made up of an assignment of one million lire now granted by the Government. With regard to the other two millions assigned to the industry, the Government does not intend that they shall be in excess of the two millions with which it was proposed to endow the Mineral Bank not yet created. These two millions will be paid by the State to the Consorzio, which may, if necessary, make further advances, after the exhaustion of the first million, in order to raise the percentage of the advances on deposits made by the Bank of Sicily from two-thirds to four-fifths of the value of the mineral.

As the Consorzio secures the restitution of the two millions, it is to put the money aside for the use of the Mineral Bank, as this money is the two millions which the Government granted this bank in aid of the sulphur industry.

The Government has insisted that the maintenance of the rate of the advances at four-fifths of the value shall not in future be for any quantity exceeding the average output for the last three years.

COTTON SPINNING INDUSTRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

Increase of Fine Spinning.

Referring to the notice on pp. 179–80 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 25th July last relating to the increased spinning of fine yarns in the United States of America, H.M. Ambassador at Washington has forwarded a copy of a Bulletin relating to textiles, recently issued by the United States Census Bureau, from which the following particulars on the subject are taken.

Taking the country as a whole the percentage of coarse, medium and fine yarns in 1890, 1900 and 1905 was as follows:—

——	1890.	1900.	1905.
	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
No. 20 and under, coarse	53·26	57·93	52·55
No. 21 to 40, medium	42·88	36·81	39·36
No. 41 and over, fine	3·86	5·26	8·09
Total	100·00	100·00	100·00

There was no real decrease in the amount of medium yarn produced in 1900 as compared with 1890, but the actual increase was concealed, in the calculation of percentages, by a large increase of more than 100 per cent. of coarse yarn, spun in southern mills, during the later year. So also the real decrease in coarse yarn from 1900 to 1905 was less than the above percentages indicate. The entire decrease of this coarse spinning is accounted for in the New England States.

The weight of yarn spun in the United States, classified by grades and by geographical divisions, in the census years 1900 and 1905 was as follows:—

——	New England States.	Middle States.	Southern States.	Western States.	Total, United States.
No. 20 and under, coarse—	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.
1900	304,842,149	86,166,567	445,967,812	13,227,425	850,203,953
1905	249,218,058	68,769,518	476,894,080	8,883,023	803,764,679
No. 21 to 40, medium—					
1900	369,423,518	27,105,119	139,691,990	3,945,520	540,166,147
1905	317,476,791	29,651,774	250,666,842	4,176,177	601,971,584
No. 41 and over, fine—					
1900	71,724,867	4,584,804	886,200	—	77,195,871
1905	101,253,957	4,635,045	17,858,453	—	123,747,435
Total—					
1900	745,990,534	117,856,490	586,546,002	17,172,945	1,467,565,971
1905	667,948,806	103,056,337	745,419,375	13,059,200	1,529,483,718

From the foregoing table it will be seen that in the country as a whole there was a decrease of about 6 per cent. in the spinning of coarse yarns, an increase of more than 11 per cent. in medium yarns, and an increase of over 60 per cent. in fine yarns. It is remarkable that there was a decrease in the amount of coarse yarns produced in 1905, as compared with 1900, in every New England

and Middle State with the single exception of Rhode Island, and a decline is also to be observed in the returns for Virginia, South Carolina, Louisiana, Texas, and Kentucky. There was a decrease of more than 57,000,000 pounds in the production by Massachusetts of medium yarns, which are woven into the print cloth product of Fall River, and of more than 12,000,000 pounds in the production by Rhode Island, but in the South the increase was enormous. In every State of that section, except Kentucky, which is not an important manufacturing State, there was a large gain. In 1900 the South, as a whole, produced less than 26 per cent. of the total amount of medium yarns. In 1905 it produced more than 41 per cent. It is true that this percentage was greatly increased by exceptional circumstances in the North, but the ratio would have been remarkable in any case.

The figures showing the production of fine yarns are highly significant. Five years ago New England mills turned out 92·9 per cent. of the total yarn of that class. At present, although the actual production increased, their proportion is less than 82 per cent. The South, which in 1900 returned barely 1 per cent., all from one State, now reports fine spinning in six States, and more than 14 per cent. of the total quantity produced in the United States, yet these facts do not prove, or even suggest, that the fine spinning of the country is about to be transferred to the South, for the increased production in Massachusetts alone in the five years exceeds the entire amount reported by the South, and the increase in New England as a whole is but little less than twice the Southern production. Taken as a whole, however, the unmistakable indication of the table is that a decided movement towards finer goods has been made and is still in progress.

APPLICATIONS FOR PATENTS IN JAPAN.

The attention of persons desirous of taking out patents in Japan is particularly directed to the provisions of the Industrial Property Convention of 1883, as modified by the "Additional Act" of 1900, —to which Japan is a party,—which allow an applicant for a patent in one of the States parties to the Convention a twelve months' right of priority in regard to applications for patents for the same subject matter in other Contracting States. It has been suggested to the Board of Trade that it is very desirable that British subjects wishing to take out patents in such a State should not fail to make their applications within the twelve months in which, by the Convention, they are entitled to protection. Patentees and applicants for patents are warned that delay may prevent them from obtaining valid patents in such a State, and permit any person to manufacture their inventions there.

TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND.

New Tariff Proposals.

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the Tariff proposals which were introduced by the Colonial Treasurer in the New Zealand House of Representatives on 16th July last, with effect from that date.

The full text of the Tariff, together with the rates of duty previously in force, is given in a "Supplement" to this week's issue of the "Board of Trade Journal."

SOUTH AFRICAN TARIFF CUSTOMS UNION.

Customs Decisions.

The Board of Trade have received copies of Customs Notices (Nos. 50–2), giving Tariff decisions respecting the rates of duty leviable on various goods imported into the South African Customs Union, as follows:—

Articles, and how classed.	Tariff No.	Rates of Duty.	Rebate allowed upon Goods, the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom and reciprocating Colonies.
No. 50.			
Beetham's glycerine and cucumber and lait larola	55	25 % *ad val.*	3 % *ad val.*
No. 51.			
Essence of rennet (Crosse & Blackwell)	50	25 % "	3 % "
No. 52.			
Gas burners	98*b*	3 % "	Whole duty.
Sulphur candles	175	15 % "	3 % *ad val.*

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

Prohibition of the Exportation of Ostriches and their Eggs.

With reference to the notice which appeared on p. 362 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 22nd August, the Board of Trade have now received a copy of the "Ostrich Export Prohibition Act, 1907" (No. 10 of 1907), assented to on 19th August, prohibiting the exportation of ostriches and their eggs from the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope, except to other South African Colonies having reciprocal legislation.

TRANSVAAL.

Prohibition of the Exportation of Ostriches and their Eggs.

The "Transvaal Government Gazette Extraordinary" for 26th August last contains a copy of an Act (No. 30 of 1907), assented to on 20th August last, providing for the amendment of the Law relating to the exportation of ostriches and their eggs from the Colony.

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The Act repeals section 13 of the "Game Preservation Ordinance" of 1905 imposing export duties on ostriches and their eggs, and, at the same time, makes provision, to take effect from a date to be named by proclamation in the "Gazette," for the prohibition of the exportation of ostriches and their eggs, except to any Colony or Territory in South Africa with reciprocal legislation.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

Tariff Amendments.

The Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of the British North Borneo Company a copy of the Customs Tariff of import and export duties at present in force in British North Borneo.

The following changes are notified as having been effected during the year:—

Articles.	Rate of Duty.	
	Old Rates.	New Rates.
IMPORT DUTIES.		
Rice	20 cts. per pikul	Duty suspended.
EXPORT DUTIES.		
Firewood	2 cts. "	10 % *ad val.*
Timber for Labuan for house-building	75 cts. to 2 dols. per ton, according to kind	Free.

SOLOMON ISLANDS.

Customs Management Law: Import Duty on Tobacco.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Colonial Office, a copy of the "Solomon's (Customs) Regulation, 1907" (No. 2 of 1907), dated 18th February, last, which was made by the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, in accordance with the provisions of the Pacific Order in Council of 1893.

The Regulation provides for the imposition of a Customs import duty of 1*s.* per lb. upon all kinds of tobacco, and for the collection and management of the Customs revenue in the Solomon Islands Protectorate.

New Ports of Entry.

Under a Regulation, dated 8th August, 1907, it is provided that Tulagi shall, from 15th September last, be a port of entry in the Protectorate, and under a further Regulation of 26th July last, the

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following places have also been created ports of entry from 1st October next:—

(1) Shortland Harbour in the Bougainville Strait.

(2) Harbour of Gizo on the island of that name.

It is also notified that Gavatu has ceased to be a port of entry, from 8th August last.

Landing and Storage Fees Payable at Tulagi.

A Government bonded warehouse is to be established at Tulagi for the reception and security of dutiable goods and the following fees are to be payable:—

(*a*) 3*d.* for every packet landed and delivered at the Customs-house.

(*b*) 1*d.* per packet for every week during which any such packet shall be stored in the bonded warehouse.

FRANCE.

Customs Weighing of Imported Goods.

A recent French Customs Circular states that the following revised rules respecting the weighing of goods by the Customs authorities for the purpose of assessing import duty thereon came into force on the 1st September:—

Goods are to be weighed to the *hectogramme* (*i.e.* fractions of the hectogramme are to be neglected) when in parcels weighing more than 10 kilogrammes each, and, similarly, to the *gramme* when in parcels of a weight of 10 kilogrammes or less each. This procedure is to be followed whether the parcels are weighed singly or in groups, and without regard to the rate of duty leviable on the goods, or to the question whether it is leviable on gross or net weight. In the case of parcels weighing more than 300 kilogrammes each the weight will be calculated only to the half-kilogramme.

In cases where the real tare or legal tare is to be deducted from the gross weight, duties are to be levied to the hectogramme or to the gramme, according as the resulting net weight (real or legal) is greater or otherwise than 10 kilogrammes.

Weigh-bridges will continue to be operated under the same conditions as formerly, *i.e.*, fractions of a kilogramme will be neglected, and the same rule will be followed for the tare deduction in respect of framework, waggons, &c.

TURKEY.

Importation of Motor Cars and Motor Bicycles authorised.

The British Consul-General at Constantinople reports that the importation into Turkey of petrol motor bicycles and petroleum motor cars (*moteurs cyclettes à benzine et automobiles à pétrole*) has been authorised by a recent Customs Circular. Their use in towns, however, is prohibited.

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SPAIN.

Penalties for not Removing Goods from Wharves within Prescribed Period.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" for the 18th August contains a Royal Decree, dated 16th August, modifying the Spanish Customs Regulations.

Article 306, Section 12, of the Regulations is amended so as to read as follows:—

In cases where goods are not removed from the wharves (*muelles*) within the period fixed by the Customs authorities, a fine equivalent to 1 per cent. of the Customs duty on the goods shall be imposed on the consignee for each day beyond this period, but in no case shall the fine be greater than 150 pesetas or less than 50 pesetas per day.

The following paragraph is added to Art. 319 of the Regulations:—

In cases where goods unloaded in the *coasting trade* are not removed from the wharves within the period fixed by the Customs authorities, a fine shall be imposed on the consignee equal to 1 per cent. of the Customs duty leviable on similar goods of foreign origin. In no case shall the fine be greater than 150 pesetas or less than 20 pesetas for each day beyond the prescribed period.

COLOMBIA.

Export Duty on Vegetable Ivory.

A Colombian Decree has recently been issued, providing for an export duty on vegetable ivory shipped from Colombia by way of Buenaventura and Tumaco, as follows:

Vegetable ivory:—		Pesos (gold).
Peeled	50 kilogs.	1·50
Unpeeled...	„	1·00

PARAGUAY.

Duty-free Admission of Automobiles and Carriages.

The Paraguayan "Diario Oficial" for the 26th June contains a Law exempting automobiles and carriages (*carruajes*) from import duty for a period of two years.

CHINA.

Customs Regulations for the Kwangtung Province.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, a translation of the Provisional Customs Regulations in force in the Japanese leased territory of the Kwangtung Province. The regulations may be consulted by persons interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Regulations as to Cholera, &c.

The Local Government Board have recently issued regulations respecting the treatment of cholera, yellow fever and plague on ships arriving from foreign ports, and the treatment of cholera and plague on outward bound and coasting ships. Copies of these regulations may be inspected at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

TRINIDAD.

New Floating Dock.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Colonial Office, the following particulars of the new floating dock at Trinidad:—The dock is moored in Chaguaramas Bay, in the Gulf of Paria, eight miles from Port of Spain. Its length is 365 feet and its beam 56 feet; the latter can be increased to 65 feet by removing ladder ways. The lifting power of the dock is 4,000 tons. The Dock Company have workshops at Port of Spain and Chaguaramas Bay equipped with modern machinery for repairing vessels' hulls, boilers and machinery.

RUSSIA.

Batoum to be a Commercial Port.

H.M. Consul at Batoum (Mr. P. Stevens) reports that the Russian Government having decided to abolish the fortress at that port among others, the town will in future be a purely commercial port.

BELGIUM.

Steamship Service between Zeebrugge and Great Yarmouth.

The Acting British Consul-General at Antwerp (Mr. R. H. Cox) reports that a new Belgian steamship line to be inaugurated on the 1st of October will run from Zeebrugge to Great Yarmouth, and *vice versâ*, daily; there will, however, be no departures from Yarmouth on Sundays.

Special facilities will be afforded for the transport of fresh fish, vegetables, fruit, provisions, butter, eggs, cheese, game, meat, &c.; race and carriage horses, cattle and carriages will also be carried.

SPAIN.

New Railway Law.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 15th September contains a copy of a new law, revising the second-class railway law of 30th July, 1904. The "Gaceta" may be consulted by persons interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

Shipping and Transport.

COSTA RICA.

Projected New Free Port.

According to the "Handels Museum" of 12th September, the Costa Rican Government has determined to make a new free port about 20 miles south of San Juan del Norte and 40 miles north of Limon where the Colorado River runs into the Carribean Sea. The site is now but sparsely inhabited but the Colorado Bar is to be improved and houses built. The hinterland is stated to be most suitable for the cultivation of bananas, pineapples and plantains, and is well watered by the Colorado and its tributaries.

CHILE.

Railway Improvement.

H.M. Legation in Chile report that the presence of Monsieur Huet, who was appointed in March last as Director-General of the Chilean Railways, is beginning to make itself felt, and a certain all-round improvement can be noted. A Decree authorising the use of private freight cars was promulgated a short time ago, and is already being taken advantage of. The authorities are now engaged in studying the question of doubling the lines along certain sections of the Southern Railway.

CHINA.

Through Communication between the Chinese Northern and South Manchurian Railway Systems: New Freight Rates on latter System.

A despatch has been received from H.M. Consul-General at Mukden (Mr. H. E. Fulford, C.M.G.), respecting the arrangements which are being made for securing through railway communication across the Chinese Northern [Imperial Railways of North China] and South Manchurian [Japanese] railway systems. The Hsinmintun-Mukden section has been converted to the standard gauge, and the Chinese Northern Railway is running its own rolling-stock as far as Mukden. The connexion of the two systems at the latter place is at present being hampered by the question of stations and the difference of rolling-stock, but these difficulties will, doubtless, soon disappear in response to the demands for a through service.

It was announced by the Japanese Railway Authorities, states Mr. Fulford, that from 1st July a new scale of freight charges was to come into force all along their line with no preferential rate in favour of Dalny. The scale is high, the charges being:—8 sen per ton per mile for first-class goods; 6½ sen for second-class goods, which include beans and their products; and 5 sen for third-class goods. These rates are much higher than those of the Chinese line, which is now carrying beans for 2 cents per ton per mile.

MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

Salt Deposits.

With reference to the notice on p. 329 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 16th May last regarding salt deposits at Dealesville, further information has been received from the Board of Trade Correspondent at Bloemfontein (Mr. R. Dumaresq), from which it appears that within 12 miles of Dealesville there are 10 pans, all containing salt in solution.

At present salt is being manufactured in two of these pans only. Four large wells about 15 feet deep have been sunk, the first two feet being through mud, after which they are entirely in soft shale from where the brine percolates into the wells. The depth of this salt-bearing shale has not yet been ascertained, but in the wells there is usually a depth of 9 to 10 feet of brine.

The salt pumped from one of the pans was found on analysis to be of a very high quality and hopes are entertained that the discovery will provide a great opening for a salt industry in the district.

A sample of the salt, forwarded by Mr. Dumaresq, may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Submarine Iron Mines.

The following particulars relating to the work now being carried on in developing the submarine portions of the deposits in the Wabana Iron Mines are taken from the "Canadian Mining Journal":—

Wabana is the chief port of Bell Island, which is in Conception Bay, Newfoundland. It is 400 miles distant from Sydney Harbour and 500 miles from Halifax. Bell Island is 8 miles long and 2 miles wide, and has about one-fifth of its surface laid or underlaid with ore. One bed is chiefly on the surface and the other underlies it by 230 to 240 feet. It is estimated that the land ore amounts to 30,000,000 or 40,000,000 tons. Indications are that much larger beds exist under the sea, the continuation of the land seams, which have a dip of a foot in 12 or 13. Through a portion of the lower seam a slope is being driven. The present length of the slope is 1,600 feet through land ore and 1,200 feet through submarine ore. As the sinking progresses the thickness of the seam increases and the quality of the ore improves. At the outcrop the ore is 6 feet in thickness; at the face of the slope the thickness is 15 feet. At the outcrop the ore runs from 49 to 52 per cent. of iron; at the face analysis gives 56 per cent. The superintendent of operations at Wabana says that under the sea the seam is as regular as on land, and nothing has been encountered to indicate that the seam may not continue for miles under the water.

Minerals, Metals, and Machinery.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Production of Fluorspar and Cement in 1906.

According to the annual report of the United States Geological Survey, there was a heavy decline in the total production of fluorspar in the United States in 1906 as compared with 1905. The total quantity of fluorspar marketed during the year was 40,796 net tons, valued at 244,025 dols., as compared with 57,385 tons, valued at 362,488 dols. in 1905. The reduced output is doubtless due in large part to over-production in 1905, the surplus stock of which was sold the following year. It is the custom of some producers to carry a reserve stock equal to about one year's production. There was, therefore, a large quantity on hand, unsold, at the close of 1906.

The production of cement in 1906 amounted to the enormous total of 51,000,445 barrels, valued at 55,302,277 dols., exceeding by 10,897,137 barrels in quantity and 19,370,744 dols. in value the production of 1905. Classified according to character, the production was as follows:—

		Barrels.	Value.
Portland cement	...	46,463,422	52,466,186 dols.
Natural cement	...	4,055,797	2,423,170 ,,
Puzzolan cement	...	481,224	412,921 ,,

AGRICULTURE.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Corn Prices.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 21st September, 1907, were as follows:—

Wheat ...	...	...	...	31*s.*	5*d.*
Barley ...	...	...	...	25*s.*	0*d.*
Oats ...	...	...	...	17*s.*	6*d.*

For further particulars see p. 620.

Imports of Agricultural Produce.

A statement is published on p. 621, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 21st September, 1907, as well as of the imports during the corresponding week of 1906.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Harvest Prospects: Lambing.

The Board of Trade Correspondent at Adelaide (Mr. J. Cresswell) reports, under date of 22nd August, that the coming harvest promises to be one of the finest ever reaped in South Australia. Extraordinary quantities of rain falling at opportune times, without storms, have made the harvest almost assured. Of course it is somewhat early to prognosticate, but the present prospects are pleasing.

Mr. Cresswell also reports that the lambing throughout the State has been very good, and though the exact percentage is not yet known, according to the reports to hand it must be very high.

MISCELLANEOUS.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Cotton Statistics.

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 19th September, 1907, was 16,428, and the number imported during the thirty-eight weeks ended the 19th September was 3,259,849 (including 5,606 bales British West Indian and 8,132 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 19th September, 1907, 6,605 bales, and for the thirty-eight weeks, 381,854 bales.

For further details see p. 620.

NEW ZEALAND.

Timber Industry.

According to a report recently issued by the Department of Lands on the Timber Industry in New Zealand, the quantity of milling timber on Crown Lands amounts approximately to 18,666,300,081 sup. ft., and on private and native lands to 17,119,573,386 sup. ft. There are altogether 411 saw mills in the country with a total horse-power of 10,000, and employing 7,139 hands. The total cutting capacity amounts to 718,940,000 sup. ft. per annum, and the total annual output to 432,031,611 sup. ft.

It appears from the report that the timber supplies in New Zealand are rapidly diminishing both in quantity and quality. Whereas in 1905 there was estimated to be a total of 43,000,000,000 superficial feet of milling timber in the various districts, the amount has now fallen to 36,000,000,000 sup. ft. It must be borne in mind that a very large proportion of the above remaining timber, though suitable for milling purposes, is not readily available owing to difficulty of communication, and expense of cutting and conveying to the centres where it is required. Other causes, such as the smallness of the areas containing milling timber and

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the consequent unremunerative working of same; the waste of timber in cutting and milling operations; the destruction of forests by bush fires and clearing land for settlement; and the necessity of preserving certain forests for climatic, water supply, land protection and scenic purposes, also tend to limit the quantity of timber available for milling, and it seems very unlikely that the supply will last as long as the 70 years estimated in 1905.

The Government, however, has for some years been gradually working with a view to supplementing the resources of the native forests, and the efforts of the re-afforestation branch of the Department of Lands have already made a perceptible difference in the quantity of timber trees that will be available for milling operations 20 years hence and onwards. Over 15,000,000 trees have already been planted in the thirteen Government plantations and distributed among domains, &c., whilst 15,000,000 trees are growing in the State nurseries and are available for further planting.

NATAL.

Wattle Bark Industry.

According to the "South African Commerce and Manufacturers' Record" (Cape Town), the wattle industry is making great strides in Umvoti Country. Thousands of acres are in course of planting, not only adjacent to the railway line, but also miles away. The problem of what to do with the timber after stripping is likely to loom large in the near future, and experiments are now being made in Durban with a view to finding a use for it.

NORWAY.

Herring Fisheries.

The British Vice-Consul at Bergen (Mr. E. F. Gray) has forwarded statistics of the Norwegian herring fisheries, received from the Superintendent of Fisheries, showing the total amount and the various descriptions of herring taken each year so far as figures are obtainable. The fat herring catches made in the Tromso Diocese, the district affected by the complete close time for whaling (from 1st February, 1904), are shown separately. It does not appear, however, whether the stopping of whaling has had any influence on the herring fisheries in that district: the fluctuating catches of fat herring in the north of Norway since 1897 still continue and have been worst of all during the last few years since whales have been protected.

The only figures that can be given for the year 1907 are those for spring herrings, the total catch of which is estimated at 900,000 hectolitres; and for the year 1906 those for spring herrings, great herrings (west and south coasts) and North Sea herrings, the (provisional) totals being 711,000 hectolitres, 258,000 hectolitres and 58,500 barrels respectively. The following statement shows the statistics for the years 1903, 1904 and 1905:—

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	1903.	1904.	1905.
	Hectolitres	Hectolitres	Hectolitres
Total catch	1,445,000	874,000	943,000
Spring herrings	632,000	528,000	633,000
Great herrings (west and south coasts) ...	186,000	264,000	237,000
Fat herrings	627,000	82,000	73,000
Fat herrings for Tromso Diocese only:			
Nordland	261,274	61,853	8,359
Tromso	90,530	—	600
Finmarken	21,072	2,765	—
	Barrels.	Barrels.	Barrels.
North Sea herrings (not included in total), salted	14,400	14,200	27,800

MEXICO.

Rubber Industry Convention.

H.M. Legation in Mexico report that, according to the "Mexican Herald," a movement has been started by several business men of Mexico City to call a Convention of rubber planters and those interested in the development of the rubber industry in the Republic, to be held in Mexico City on 8th and 9th October next. The idea of the Convention is to effect an organization of the rubber planters in Mexico, and to promote the industry generally. It is stated that there are at present more acres of planted rubber in Mexico than in any other country in the world.

BRAZIL.

Abolition of Commercial Travellers' Tax in State of Pernambuco.

See "British Trade Abroad" p. 602.

COLOMBIA.

Alcohol from Coffee Pulp.

The Monthly Bulletin of the French Chamber of Commerce at Barcelona states that a Colombian chemist has discovered that the fleshy pulp which encloses the coffee bean and is removed by machinery in preparing coffee for the market, can be used as a source of alcohol. Hitherto this product has not been utilized and it is pointed out that if alcohol can be prepared from this material cheaply it may give a fresh impetus to coffee cultivation.

PARAGUAY.

Modification of Insurance Law.

The "Diario Oficial" of Paraguay for 20th June contains a copy of a law modifying the insurance law of 24th November, 1906. The "Diario" may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Cotton Returns.

Return of the **Number** of **Bales** of **Cotton Imported** and **Exported** at the **Various Ports** of the **United Kingdom** during the Week and 38 Weeks ended 19th September, 1907 :—

—	Week ended 19th Sept., 1907.	38 Weeks ended 19th Sept., 1907.	Week ended 19th Sept., 1907.	38 Weeks ended 19th Sept., 1907.
	Imports. (Bales.)		Exports. (Bales.)	
	No.	No.	No.	No.
American	3,059	2,437,149	4,144	191,551
Brazilian	—	179,516	—	15,316
East Indian	4,090	176,670*	898	58,696
Egyptian	5,739	351,858	70	105,617
Miscellaneous	3,540	114,656†	1,493	10,674
Total	16,428	3,259,849	6,605	381,854

* Corrected figures.
† Including 5,606 bales British West Indian and 8,132 bales British West African

Corn Prices.

Statement showing the **Average Price** of **British Corn,** per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 21st September, 1907, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

—	Average Price.					
	Wheat.		Barley.		Oats.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Week ended 21st September, 1907	31	5	25	0	17	6
Corresponding week in—						
1900	28	9	26	1	17	2
1901	25	10	25	10	17	2
1902	26	6	26	4	18	0
1903	27	0	24	0	16	2
1904	29	10	25	10	15	9
1905	26	8	23	10	15	11
1906	25	9	24	3	16	0

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.

Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of **Agricultural Produce** imported into the **United Kingdom** in the week ended 21st September, 1907, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.

—		Week ended 21st Sept., 1907.	*Corresponding Week in 1906.*
Animals, living:—			
Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves	Number.	9,208	*11,506*
Sheep and lambs	"	1,483	*921*
Swine	"	—	—
Horses	"	710	*239*
Fresh Meat:—			
Beef (including refrigerated and frozen) ...	Cwts.	107,830	*121,687*
Mutton " " " ...	"	81,773	*89,107*
Pork " " " ...	"	11,482	*10,883*
Salted or preserved meat:—			
Bacon	Cwts.	87,623	*113,978*
Beef	"	2,417	*2,075*
Hams	"	12,139	*24,057*
Pork	"	5,531	*5,292*
Meat, unenumerated, fresh	"	13,569	} *9,791*
" " salted	"	1,191	
" preserved otherwise than by salting (including tinned and canned)	"	6,329	*3,697*
Dairy produce and substitutes:—			
Butter	Cwts.	69,823	*81,031*
Margarine	"	13,715	*21,776*
Cheese	"	63,755	*72,239*
Milk, fresh, in cans or drums	"	—	*120*
" cream	"	58	*79*
" condensed	"	16,283	*21,163*
" preserved, other kinds	"	47	*218*
Eggs	Grt. Hundr.	427,949	*376,604*
Poultry	Value £	1,950	*1,552*
Game	"	1,854	*2,220*
Rabbits, dead (fresh and frozen)	Cwts.	43,398	*48,184*
Lard	"	24,980	*30,623*
Corn, grain, meal, and flour:—			
Wheat	Cwts.	2,482,100	*1,890,100*
Wheat meal and flour	"	240,300	*373,300*
Barley	"	667,900	*510,500*
Oats	"	55,900	*218,700*
Peas	"	21,560	*23,250*
Beans	"	3,830	*13,300*
Maize or Indian corn	"	582,500	*867,600*
Fruit, raw:—			
Apples	Cwts.	14,957	*23,796*
Apricots and peaches	"	67	*8*
Bananas	Bunches.	168,444	*160,627*
Cherries	Cwts.	—	—
Currants	"	4	—
Gooseberries	"	—	—
Grapes	"	39,197	*21,242*
Lemons	"	11,829	*10,334*
Oranges	"	396	*8,141*
Pears	"	27,630	*40,176*
Plums	"	3,047	*72,556*
Strawberries	"	—	—
Unenumerated	"	13,962	*7,787*
Hay	Tons.	939	*1,755*
Straw	"	1,375	*931*
Moss Litter	"	1,281	*1,450*
Hops	Cwts.	1,467	*2,242*
Locust Beans	"	23,400	*810*
Vegetables, raw:—			
Onions	Bushels.	208,433	*200,824*
Potatoes	Cwts.	51,622	*15,616*
Tomatoes	"	25,903	*23,123*
Unenumerated	Value £	2,090	*2,535*
Vegetables, dried	Cwts.	3,990	*2,169*
Preserved by canning	"	8,367	*3,943*

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of August, 1907, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance, of 1*s.* 2*d.* per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1906, in two volumes, may be purchased at a cost of 6*s.* 8*d.* for the first, and 3*s.* 4*d.* for the second volume, at any of the addresses enumerated above. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives Abstract Tables for the years 1902–1906, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country) in the first volume, and in the second volume details as to customs revenue, transhipments, and articles in bond, and particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country.

BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette"* is published by the Board of Trade on the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the September issue:—State of the Labour Market in August; Trades Union Congress; Hours of Labour in Austrian Factories; Accidents to Railway Servants in 1906; Weights and Heights of Children in Glasgow; Workmen's Compensation in 1906; and Conciliation and Arbitration Cases.

FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS.

The following is a *résumé* of some of the more interesting subjects dealt with in Consular Reports of the **Annual** and **Miscellaneous Series** issued since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal."

ANNUAL SERIES.

No. 3,926. Trade of Florence for 1906.

Detailed analysis of trade. Comparative table of imports from the various countries.

* It can be purchased through any newsagent, price 1*d.*

Government Publications.

No. 3.927. Trade of Savannah for 1906.

Reduced output of cotton, resin, turpentine, timber, and phosphate rock.

Difficulties of transport.

Comparative tables showing the principal imports and exports at the various ports.

No. 3,928. Trade of Angola for 1906.

Outlook somewhat improved.

Backwardness on the part of the inhabitants to take advantage of the natural resources of the country.

New railways in course of construction.

Crisis in the copper trade due to excessive export duties and heavy cost of transport.

Remarks on principal industries.

Report of British Vice-Consul at Benguella.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

No. 664. Coal Mining Industry in Belgium.

This report on the Coal Mining Industry of Belgium by H. M. Consul General at Antwerp (Sir. C. Hertslet) contains statistical tables showing production, output, &c., and particulars relating to labour conditions, the general working of the mines, precautions taken to prevent accidents, and the machinery and electrical apparatus installed in the mines. Diagrams and plans are appended to the report.

OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

Passengers to and from places out of Europe, August. [*Cd.* 3,335–VII.] *Price* ½*d.*

This return shows the numbers and nationalities of the passengers that left, or arrived in, the United Kingdom for or from places out of Europe, and the net balance of such passengers outward or inward, during the month and eight months ended 31st August, 1907, compared with the corresponding periods in 1906.

During the eight months ended 31st August, 1907, the total number (provisional) of passengers that *left* the United Kingdom for places out of Europe was 437,782, as compared with 379,489 during the corresponding period of 1906, and the total number (provisional) that *arrived* in the United Kingdom from places out of Europe during the first eight months of 1907 was 191,366, as compared with 161,600 during the corresponding period of 1906. The balance of the total movement shows that the number of passengers that *left* the United Kingdom for places out of Europe exceeded the number of passengers that *arrived* in the United Kingdom from places out of Europe by 246,416 during the first eight months of 1907, as compared with a similar excess of 217,889 during the corresponding period of 1906.

Government Publications.

LIST OF FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS.

THE following Reports of H.M. Diplomatic and Consular Officers, which have been issued in the **Annual** and **Miscellaneous** Series since the 1st January, 1907, may be obtained from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C.

No.	Place.	Price
	EUROPE—	
	Austria-Hungary:	
3900	Austria-Hungary ...1906	1½*d.*
3899	Fiume 1906	1*d.*
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663	*State encouragement to Industry in Hungary* ...	1½*d.*
	Belgium:	
3752	Antwerp — Shipping and Navigation 1906	2½*d.*
3918	Belgium ... 1906-7	4*d.*
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664	*Coal Mining Industry in Belgium*	16½*d.*
	Denmark:	
3741	Denmark—Finances, 1903–4 and 1904–5	1*d.*
3746	Denmark—Trade and Shipping (supplementary) 1905	1*d.*
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3845	Baden 1906	½*d.*
3770	Chemnitz 1906	5½*d.*

No.	Place.	Price
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	German Empire—(*contd.*)	
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3847	Frankfort 1906	6*d.*
3796	Germany 1906	6½*d.*
3889	Hamburg 1906	4½*d.*
3765	Leipzig... 1906	1*d.*
3810	Pomerania 1906	2½*d.*
3766	Wurtemburg 1906	1*d.*
661	*Vine culture and Wine trade of Germany* ...	1½*d.*
	Greece:	
3786	Corfu, Cephalonia, and Zante 1906	2*d.*
3806	Cyclades 1906	1*d.*
3821	Greece—Finances ...1906	3*d.*
3809	Morea, Ætolia and Acarnania 1906	1½*d.*
3785	Piræus 1906	2½*d.*
3818	Thessaly 1906	1½*d.*
	Italy:	
3926	Florence 1906	1½*d.*
3781	Genoa 1906	2*d.*
3795	Italy—Finances ...1906	3*d.*
3902	Lecce 1906	2½*d.*
3920	Leghorn 1906	1½*d.*
3799	Lombardy 1906	2*d.*
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	Netherlands and Colonies:	
3894	Curaçoa ... 1905–6	2*d.*
3887	Dutch Guiana... ...1906	1*d.*
3820	Java 1906	2*d.*
3833	Rotterdam 1906	1½*d.*
	Portugal and Colonies:	
3928	Angola 1906	2½*d.*
3754	Azores 1906	½*d.*
3790	Beira 1906	2*d.*
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CONTRACTS.

Tamworth Rural District Council.
To Quarry Owners, &c.

The above Council are prepared to receive tenders for the supply of about 2,500 tons of Broken Granite for the year ending September 30, 1908.

One sample of granite must accompany the tender, which must be made on a form to be obtained at my office.

Sealed tenders, endorsed "Tender for Granite," to be addressed to the Chairman of the Highways Committee, and delivered to the undermentioned address on or before Monday, the 30th inst.

The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender, and reserve to themselves the right to divide the supply into two or more contracts.

HENRY J. CLARSON, C.E.,
Surveyor.

22, Church-street, Tamworth.
September 14, 1907.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 23rd October.—Galvanised iron wire, 1,600 insulators and 500 wall telephones, for the G.P.O., Sydney. Specifications, &c., may be seen at the "Electrical Review" offices.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 30th October.—The Postmaster-General at Sydney requires tenders for 21,000 best white porcelain insulators; 55½ tons hard drawn copper wire, 300 lb. per mile; 15 cwt. copper binding tape, 300 lb. per mile; 62 tons galvanised iron wire, 500 lb. per mile.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 6th November.—Postmaster-General's department. Tenders are required by 6th November as follows:—14½ tons hard-drawn copper wire, 300 lb. per mile; 4 cwt. copper binding tape, 200 lb. per mile, 3-16 in. wide; 3,500 large insulators, best white porcelain; 1,000 tallow wood cross-arms, 3 ft. 10 in., complete; 2,500 ditto, 5 ft. 2 in.

AUSTRIA, October 15.—The Municipal Authorities of Schoenberg, in Mahren, require tenders by October 15th for the erection, equipment, &c., of a central power station. Details may be obtained from the Buergermeisteramt (Abtheilung Bauamt), of Nahr-Schonberg.

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Sealed tenders, in the envelopes supplied, endorsed "Tring Sewerage—Contract No. 2," to be delivered at my office not later than 12 o'clock noon on the 30th day of September, 1907.

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By order,
A. W. VAISEY,
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Dated this 14th day of September, 1907.

By order of the Council,
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Town Clerk's Offices,
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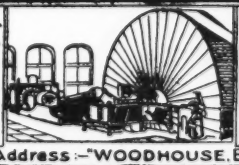

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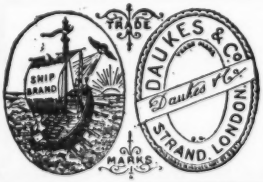

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